

HUMPHREYS
BEFORE KNOXBold Deceptions in
His Elaborate
Defence.THE USUAL NUMBER
OF FALSEHOODSMr. Hankey Will Reply to the
Charges and Disclaimers Made
by Humphreys.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: More than three hours today Attorney General Knox listened to a recital of the most amazing story of official corruption and private immorality in Hawaii. The story was brought out by the defense set up by Judge Abram Humphreys of the Territorial Circuit Court at Honolulu against the charges made by the Bar Association of the Hawaiian Islands, for the purpose of inducing the President to remove him from the bench.

Judge Humphreys, with the assistance of Duane Fox of this city, presented a condensed form of his defense in a brief consisting of fifty-five pages of closely printed matter. In this brief he answered every charge against him, and then makes what purport to be astounding revelations concerning the protection thrown against vice in Honolulu by the high officials of the Dole Government, men appointed to office by Governor Dole and kept in place by the Governor in spite of the fact that Judge Humphreys declares the Government must know of their direct connection with and responsibility for the abominable practices that are licensed in the Hawaiian capital.

Allegations on this point made against these officials by Judge Humphreys cannot be phrased for publication in American newspapers, though they are set forth in bald and plain language in a charge delivered from the bench to the Grand Jury by Judge Humphreys last February, and were repeated in milder form in the instructions given to the Grand Jury last April by Judge Morris M. Estee, United States Judge for the Territory of Hawaii.

The object of Judge Humphreys in setting up this astonishing defense apparently is twofold—first, to show the serious back of the movement to have removed from the bench, and, secondly, to show that the Dole Government is not a model of purity and morality, in spite of the fact that, for the most part, its members are descendants from the original missionaries who introduced Christianity and civilization to the islands.

At the close of the sensational hearing today Attorney General Knox signed his readiness to make a report of recommendation to the President immediately, but at the earnest solicitation of F. W. Hankey, who represents the accusers of Judge Humphreys, the Attorney General gave the prosecution ten days in which to prepare a reply to the Judge's remarkable brief.

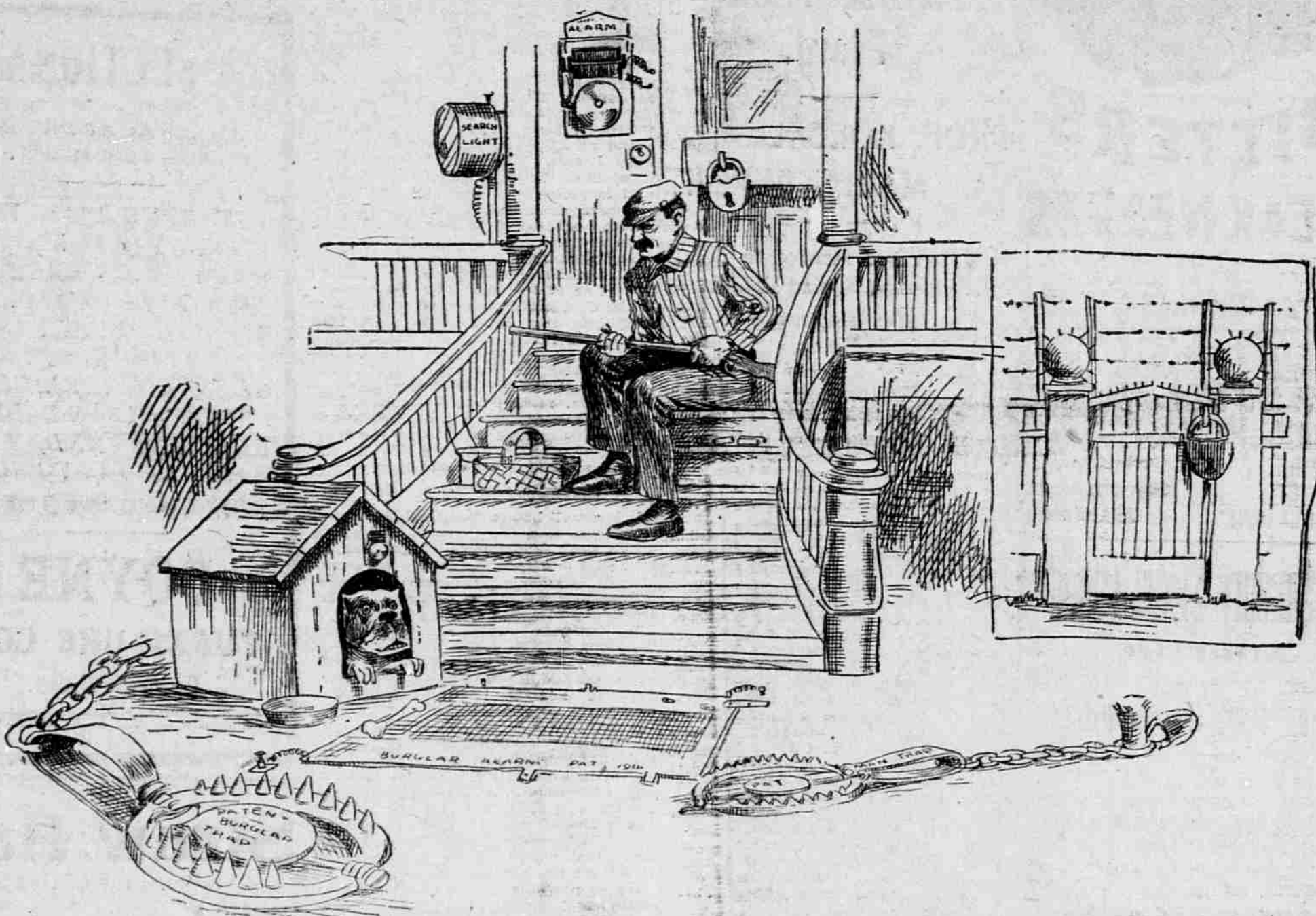
The charges against Judge Humphreys are, in the main, that he has displayed prejudice and too great severity on the bench. Another charge is that he controls and runs a partisan newspaper, the Honolulu Republican, and that through this publication Judge Humphreys attempts to control the politics of the island. He does not deny the ownership of a substantial part of the stock of the newspaper, nor does he deny that he was appointed to the bench before he was appointed to the bench in the management of the property, but he does flatly deny that since that time he has been on the bench he has had any part in the management of the paper. On the contrary, he is armed with affidavits from the responsible editors declaring that Judge Humphreys had nothing whatever to do with the paper since he went on the bench.

He also produces correspondence showing that ever since he donned the judicial ermine he has been trying to get all of his stock.

To the charge of partiality and too great a degree of severity in his decisions on the bench toward lawyers and litigants Justice Humphreys replies that in this respect he has been actuated by a high sense of the dignity of the American court, and boldly declares that he has no apologies to make for his action in fining certain lawyers for contempt of court and imprisoning them for greater degrees of the same.

The attorney, Duane Fox, avows that the only mistake made by Humphreys was his persistent attempt to conduct in a genuine American court of law. Heretofore, he says, the methods in the courts in the islands have been loose and irregular, and the people there, not even excepting the lawyers, are not yet prepared to submit to the rigid rules of dignity and decorum that prevail in the American courts. In his opinion Judge Humphreys asserts

WHEN BURGLARS ARE ABOUT.



IT MAY YET COME TO THIS.

that the movement to oust him from the bench never would have been started if he had not attempted to break up by American legal processes the Hawaiian Government system of licensing and protecting vice.

KNOX, HUMPHREYS AND HANKEY.
(Special to the Commercial Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 30.—There is every prospect of "something doing" in the case of Judge A. S. Humphreys within about ten days. A hearing has been fixed for Sept. 10. Although he had been described in the press dispatches, sent east, as being sick in Chicago and as intending to remain there till the Attorney General was pleased to send him word that the charges would be dismissed, Judge Humphreys suddenly showed himself here in Washington on the evening of August 29 and announced in the lobby of the Shoreham hotel that he had come "to the States entirely for recreation."

The story about the judge's illness had even caught the Attorney General, Mr. Knox. The previous afternoon, a few hours before the judge arrived, your correspondent had a little talk with Mr. Knox about the case. On the outside and at the top of his big office desk was piled a stack of papers pertaining to the controversy. There was a thick heap of typewritten papers and heavy rolls of affidavits, as much as two feet thick.

"On Sept. 8, if he is able to come here from Chicago," said the Attorney General as he swung back in his mahogany chair, a very genial man to look upon, "Judge Humphreys will come to Washington. That will be Sunday. Soon thereafter I propose to bring these gentlemen face to face and see what they have to say in each other's presence."

"I have studied these papers a little," continued the Attorney General in answer to a question, "but have thus far been unable to go entirely through them. I have the original papers that comprise the formal charges by the Honolulu Bar Association. Judge Humphreys has in turn filed answers, such as would be expected in such contests. I guess he has the names of a thousand people to his papers."

"No, I haven't formed any opinion of the case. I am trying to approach it in a judicial frame of mind and if I had any opinion about it at this time, I would not tell anyone. But don't assume from that that I have formed any opinion about it. I have not."

The Attorney General also has on his desk the telegram from fifty attorneys of Honolulu reiterating the charges against Judge Humphreys and likewise a telegram, also sent recently, from about twenty-five members of the same bar, requesting that the charges be ignored.

When seen at the Shoreham Thursday evening, shortly after his arrival, Judge Humphreys was especially specific in emphasizing that he had not come to Washington because of the charges against him. "I am here only on a pleasure trip," he said. "I don't want anyone to think that I cared enough about these alleged charges to make such a long trip to deny them. I need a rest, and so I came to the States to enjoy myself with Mrs. Humphreys. I expect to return to Honolulu about the middle of September. I left Mrs. Humphreys and her maid in Chicago, sightseeing and came on to Washington for personal and business reasons in no way connected with the so-called charges preferred against me by members of the Honolulu bar. I expect to be in Washington several days before rejoining Mrs. Humphreys in the north. I don't care to discuss these charges. As a matter of fact I have never read them except in the newspapers and know nothing of them officially. The matter, I presume, is before the Department of Justice."

Notwithstanding Judge Humphreys'

stout disavowal that he had not come to Washington on account of the charges preferred against him by the Honolulu bar, he did come to Washington specifically on that business, for the charges are worrying him. It should be remembered that he arrived in Washington Thursday evening and the first thing he did on Friday morning was to hasten to the Department of Justice where he arrived at 11 o'clock and waited long in the ante room of the Attorney General for an audience with that gentleman. He talked with the Attorney General about fifteen minutes regarding the charges and the prospective hearing. In the meantime, Attorney Hankey, having seen in The Post, one of the local morning papers, a statement that Judge Humphreys was in town and that he had come here purely for purposes of recreation, substantially as stated in the interview given above, addressed a note to the Attorney General, inclosing the clipping and stating that, as Judge Humphreys appeared to be in Washington, he (Hankey) was ready for any programme that the Attorney General might direct. An hour or so later Mr. Hankey received the following letter:

Office of the Attorney General,
Washington, D. C., Aug. 30, 1901.
Mr. Frederick W. Hankey,
Ebbitt House, City.

Dear Sir:—I have your letter of the 30th instant, stating in relation to the charges against Judge Humphreys that any programme that I may direct that will favor Judge Humphreys' convenience will be agreeable to you. I have seen Judge Humphreys and have fixed Tuesday morning, September 10th, at 10 o'clock, at this office, for a hearing in the matter of the charges against him, at which time and place you may appear and present the same and the evidence in connection therewith and any observations which you may have to make upon them.

I again direct your attention to the absolute impossibility of my going over the immense bundle of affidavits and other papers filed in connection with your printed copy thereof to ascertain what, if any, have not been printed; and you are requested to at once separate these papers so that Judge Humphreys may have an opportunity of inspecting them in time to answer on Tuesday.

Respectfully,
F. C. KNOX,
Attorney General,
Per C. B. S.

Mr. Hankey has been engaged drawing up a brief which he has planned to present to the Attorney General the middle of next week. "I shall like nothing better than to confront Judge Humphreys at a hearing," said Mr. Hankey in his room at the Ebbitt. "I called his bluff about being in Washington, didn't I?" he added as he related the story of the newspaper clipping.

While Mr. Hankey did not so state it is learned from the Department that he himself suggested the joint hearing in a conference with the Attorney General, the latter having said that he thought both sides ought to be heard. He has been looking up the law in the case and proposes to urge the removal of Judge Humphreys on the ground of public welfare, arguing that no specific malfeasance in office is necessary for the President to remove a Judge in the territory of Hawaii. The text of the law declares that the President may remove such judges and no qualification is imposed as to malfeasance. There is a precedent something in line of the present case in the removal of Judge Barnard, of New York, many years ago.

"I shall send a copy of my brief to Honolulu, as soon as it is completed," said Mr. Hankey.

ERNEST G. WALKER.

THE POST EXCERPT.

Judge A. S. Humphreys, United States Circuit Judge for the district of Hawaii, registered at the Shoreham last night. Owing to the fact that members of the Honolulu bar have recently forwarded to the Department of Justice certain

charges against him, it might be inferred that Judge Humphreys was in Washington on matters relating to his official position, but this, so he said last night, is not so.

"I came to Washington entirely for recreation," he said. "I left Mrs. Humphreys and her maid in Chicago, sightseeing, and came on to Washington for personal and business reasons in no way connected with the so-called charges preferred against me by members of the Honolulu bar. I expect to be in Washington several days before rejoining Mrs. Humphreys in the north. I don't care to discuss these so-called charges. As a matter of fact, I have never read them except in the newspapers, and know nothing of them officially. I fancy that you will find out that the entire affair is a tempest in a teapot. I couldn't very well be expected to discuss the nature of the accusations, since I have only read of them in the newspapers, and the matter, I presume, is before the Department of Justice."

"Is there any feeling against the Japanese in Honolulu?" Judge Humphreys was asked. "What about the alleged ill treatment of the Japanese at Honolulu?"

"The incident happened after my departure from the islands," he replied. "I know nothing of the facts in the case. There is no feeling whatever against the Japanese, so far as I know."

Judge Humphreys has been in Washington several times before, and says he always enjoys a visit to the Capital. "But I am here only on a pleasure trip," he reiterated. "I don't want anyone to think that I cared enough about these alleged charges to make such a long trip to deny them. I needed a rest, and so I came to the States to enjoy myself with Mrs. Humphreys. I expect to return to Honolulu about the middle of September."—Washington Post.

COLUMBIA TAKES
SECOND TRIAL

Flanagan, the champion 16-pound hammer thrower of the world, recently threw 181 feet 9 inches, breaking the former record by 2 feet 5 inches.

The Columbia won the second official trial race, outclassing the Constitution in a drifting contest. The latter boat was beaten by four minutes on the first leg of ten miles. An entire new suit of sails has been made for the Constitution.

Will Stinson recently rode 39 miles and 95 yards in a motor-paced cycle race in Boston.

J. E. Madden declares that Yankee, the Futurity winner, is the horse of

the century. He is entered in next year's English Derby.

Cresceus may be seen at Stockton fair next month.

Kent and Daly, of Boston, on a motor tandem, established a record for five miles, going the distance in 7:01.5. Ogden won two races in one afternoon at Sheephead Bay.

Jockey Jimmy Logue is riding many winners at the Sacramento State fair meeting.

Canmore, Walter Jennings' crack three-year-old runner, is dead.

William Holabird Jr., the crack amateur golfer, defeated Lawrence Auchterline at Chicago. Holabird made seventy-one, which is five strokes better than the previous amateur record, made recently by Bruce D. Smith.

Dave Gideon is said to have won \$150,000 over the victory of his filly Joseph at Sheephead Bay. The odds were cut from 40 to 1 to 5 to 1.

After twenty rounds of fast fighting Billy de Coursey, of Los Angeles, was given the decision over Amelio Herrera, of Bakersfield.

A great international yacht race bet of \$400,000 between an English syndicate and a group of Pittsburghers, has been finally arranged. The American boat is a 19 to 5 favorite in the betting.

Robert Gregory, a baseball pitcher of note, at one time with the Chicago league team, is dead.

William F. King, of Los Angeles, Cal., won a twenty-four-hour race at Salt Lake. The distance was 473 miles 4 laps. King made his 471st mile at a 1:32 clip, which is within three-fifths of a second of the world's record.

Betting has been barred at Delmar track.

Flush of Gold won the Flash stake at Sacramento.

C. T. Patterson, the famous Kentucky horse trainer, has been engaged by Burns & Waterhouse. Henry Spencer will ride for the stable.

The well known selling plater, Gaylon Brown, is dead.

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